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Date: 08 MAR 1978 By: **A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS**

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. As anticipated last week, we gave "our story" at Garrison's staff meeting in a tight fully-packed 30-minute presentation covering all activities of the School and ways to serve Logistics.

2. QRP's today on 3 OSI candidates for German and one WH candidate for Portuguese.

3. We told "our story" on Wednesday to

4. We indicated to our willingness to assist in the JOT program should DTR desire.

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. We report with concern that, two days after the deadline for registration, no one has applied for admission to the LAS East Asia - Regional Survey, scheduled to start on 3 November. In the light of the current crisis in the Taiwan area and the long range concern with both China and Japan, this total apathy seems particularly shocking. It is however but another illustration of the current failure of the Agency to take full advantage of its own language and area training capabilities. TK
2. Concerning DTR's report to a recent staff meeting that Mr. Karamessines was pleased with our proposal for "Saturday Special" briefings of dependents, [] has just advised that he is considerably more interested in [] Dependents' Briefings. Mrs. [] implied that neither she nor Mr. Karamessines had been fully aware of what we try to do in our Americans Abroad briefings, and we will discuss the implications with DDTR. [] has discussed with [] the possibility of duplication of effort, raised by Mrs. [] and it is agreed that none exists. Our briefing is the only presently scheduled Agency introduction to living and working with foreigners for inexperienced personnel going abroad. It should be considered a "must" - in the spirit of the "Helms Proposal" - for those going to an area for the first time, who could not, or should not, be enrolled in our proposed "Americans Overseas Seminar." 25X1
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3. We are attempting a "crash" briefing on 29 October of 8-10 employees and dependents going to Latin America within the next three weeks. This will be a modest, half-day effort, in view of the lack of time for proper preparation of briefing materials. We consented to make the attempt because WH advised that they would probably have no more than 2 or 3 candidates for our proposed "Saturday Special" on 17 January.

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4. Both instructors and students in [] - BCS #1 have been much pleased with results of the first three of five sessions on the [] people. Emphasis in these sessions is on attitudes and behavior, and [] has attended the most appropriate ones for ideas bearing upon the proposed American Overseas Seminar. Ed [] brilliant introduction to the series was followed by descriptive presentations of the "inside view" by two charming ladies of contrasting [] cultural backgrounds, with [] and [] serving as discussion leaders. The third session featured William Crockett of State and [] on living and working with [] from the viewpoint of American officials stationed []. The instructors' first sessions alone with the class, for the purpose of training them to develop a more critical appreciation of [] affairs, have been promising.
5. [] of PP Staff, who is on two weeks' active duty with Army's ACSI, paid us a visit to obtain ideas on organization and bibliography for about 20 basic country studies now under production for MAAG personnel abroad. He appeared to be persuaded that heavy emphasis should be placed on people-to-people and person-to-person relationships in each country. Studies for [] headed the list.
6. []
7. [] has returned from [] where he completed the OFC, and has reported for his HQ stint with NEA.

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Three Part-Time Basic (RSW) classes in Romance languages started this week. One class in Spanish with six students, two in French with six and five students respectively. One Romanian Basic Reading class also started with four students. This brings the teaching load in the Romance section to 94 hours weekly, a maximum with the present staff.

2. This has otherwise been a routine week, with everyone concentrating on the classes which have just begun.



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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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2. [] has agreed to permit the Strategic Intelligence School to utilize the duplicating equipment, when it is free, to copy our intermediate language tapes for their use. It should prove beneficial to LAS since they will be collecting tapes and other materials from the services.

3. During the past week the following books were received by the LAS/TR Library in 2129 "I" Building:

1. The United States and China, rev. ed. John K. Fairbank
8 copies
2. An Encyclopedia of World History Langer, William L.
1 copy
3. Blick tiber die Grenzen Weber, Carl August 1 copy
4. Italy and Italians Sforza, Count Carlo 1 copy
5. Approaches to Group Understanding Bryson, Lyman, and others eds. 1 copy

6. The Makioka Sisters Taniziki, Junichiro 2 copies
7. Historical Geography of Europe Gordon East 1 copy
8. The Law Vailland, Roger 1 copy

4. On 21 October, [] went to the Anacostia Navy Language School to see Commander Fahey and discussed with him our proficiency tests and grading system.

5. A follow-up on the recall of books reported in Item 3 of last weeks report shows that 16 more books have been returned. This now makes a total of 54 turned in.

6. Thirty-seven people were tested last week in French, Czech, Spanish, German, Bulgarian, Dutch and Swedish.

7. Twenty-seven Certifications for Language Award certificates were sent to the Registrar.

